



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: August 3, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with WET Labs Inc. for fountain equipment fabrication for Confluence Park, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a sole source contract with WET Labs Inc. for fountain equipment fabrication for Confluence Park, Los Angeles in an amount not to exceed \$798,000.

Background: Confluence Park is owned by Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and is located at 2011 N. Figueroa Street. The triangular parcel is at the corners of North Figueroa and North San Fernando, near the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Confluence Park Project Phase 1 Improvements will include landscaping, installation of canoe benches, and interpretive elements about the Confluence Area. The main feature will be a colorful water feature that will create an iconic gateway to the Northeast community and to the Los Angeles River. The fountain will be a large central plinth with a series of the concentric rings of continuously flowing jets on the top. The plinth is approximately 11 feet high and jets on top of the plinth are capable of heights up to an additional 15 feet. Water sheets down over the sides of the plinth creating textured water walls. The base of the plinth is anchored by a shallow skin of water. Complimenting the plinth is a series of jets that emit directly from the paving at ground level. These jets are intended for interactive play and can be choreographed in a variety of patterns and sequences.

Mia Lehrer and Associates, is the Landscape Architecture consultant and WET Design is the fountain consultant. WET Design® specializes in the design of water features worldwide and is a leader in the development of innovative design and technology. WET Labs® Inc. is a research and development facility where highly specialized and often unconventional equipment is invented, tested, perfected and

fabricated. WET Labs Inc. is continuously inventing new systems and refining existing technologies. As a result of WET Labs Inc., WET now holds patents for water fountains, fire features, energy conserving compressed air powered fountains, control technologies and water illumination systems. The Confluence Fountain has been designed with equipment and systems for which WET has intellectual and proprietary rights ;therefore these services and systems are not readily available on the competitive market. Attached is more detailed descriptions of the equipment and systems that will be used on the Confluence Fountain as well as WET Design's marketing materials.

Construction documents for the Phase 1 Improvements are 90% complete. A final bid set will be available in August 2005. Proposition 12, Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation(EEM) and Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) are the funding sources for this project.

The sole source contract with WET Labs Inc,will not exceed \$798,000